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SUBJ: U.S. GRAIN CONDITION - AMERICAN CONDOR

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1. TOGOLESE DOCTOR OF ENTOMOLOGY, RAPHAEL MABLE, OF VEGETABLE PROTECTION CENTER FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL ECONOMY, REPORTS THAT HIS ANALYSIS OF ONE KILO SAMPLE OF CONDOR GRAIN REVEALED PREVALENCE OF THE PARASITE CRYPTOLESTES FERRUGINEUS (STEPH) IN DUST AND ON SORGHUM ITSELF. MABLE STATES HIS TEST CONSISTED OF SIFTING SORGHUM AND EXAMINING DUST UNDER COMMON 10 POWER LAB MICROSCOPE. MABLE COULD GIVE NO PERCENTAGE ESTIMATE OF EXTENT OF INFESTATION BEYOND FACT THAT PRESENCE OF PARASITE IS WIDESPREAD.

2. WHEN TOLD THAT SORGHUM WAS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, NOT SEED, ENTOMOLOGIST STATED THAT PARASITE NOT REPEAT NOT HARMFUL TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HUMANS. HE STATED FORCEFULLY, HOWEVER, THAT PRESENCE IN

TOGO OF SORGHUM CARRYING THIS PARASITE CONSTITUTES SEVERE THREAT TO FOOD PLANTS IN TOGO AND THAT SORGHUM BE SPARAYED IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID INTRODUCTION THIS FOREIGN PLANT DISEASE. MOREOVER, HE STATED, THIS SORGHUM CANNOT BE USED IN TOGO OR ALLOWED TO TRANSIT COUNTRY UNLESS TREATED. MABLE STATED THAT VEGETABLE PROTECTION CENTER COULD TREAT GRAIN TO DESTROY PARASITE WITHIN 24 HOURS. HE ALSO SAID HE COULD FIND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY PREVIOUS TREATMENT.

3. CENTER CLOSED IN AFTERNOON BUT WE WILL ATTEMPT TOMORROW TO OBTAIN CORROBORATION OF MABLE'S FINDING FROM GERMAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM AT CENTER. IF MABLE'S SIMPLE MICROSCOPIC ANALYSIS CORRECT, WE PUZZLED WHY DR. HOHNE'S EXAMINATION REF (A) FAILED REVEAL PRESENCE PARASITE, ESPECIALLY SINCE BOTH SORGHUM SAMPLES TAKEN FROM SAME SACK.

4. AIDOFF REQUESTS FOLLOWING BY IMMEDIATE CABLE FOR OPENING BUSINESS AUGUST 1;

A) CONFIRMATION THAT, IF PRESENT, PARASITE IN QUESTION DOES INDEED POSE THREAT TO FOOD PLANTS.

B) INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSITION BALANCE CONDOR SORGHUM STILL IN LOME. OF THE 1,600 MT WHICH HAS BEEN SACKED ABOUT 1,500 MT ALREADY SHIPPED TO OUAGA. BALANCE 1,400 MT REMAINS IN SILOS.

C) INSTRUCTION FOR REPORTING SITUATION TO GOT. MABLE APPARENTLY NOT AWARE GRAIN ALREADY IN TOGO HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED ACROSS COUNTRY FOR PAST TWO WEEKS.

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